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Letter dated 3 September 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires ad interim of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the Acting Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement of not being the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space signed by Mr. Sergei V. Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cuba on 11 July 2014 in Havana

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint statement of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Cuba of not being the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei V. Lavrov and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla on 11 July 2014.

We would be grateful if this letter and the attached joint statement could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(*signed*) Rinat **Alyautdinov**
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
of the Russian Federation

(*signed*) Anayansi **Rodríguez Camejo**
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Joint Statement by the Republic of Cuba and the Russian Federation

The Republic of Cuba and the Russian Federation,

Noting the importance of outer space activities as a significant factor in the social, economic, scientific and technological development of States, as well as their role in maintaining national and global security,

Consider that outer space should be used in compliance with international law for the benefit of all nations irrespective of their stage of economic, scientific or technological development;

Reiterate their commitment to the principle enshrined in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations — to refrain in international relations from the threat or use of force, including in outer space activities — and proceed from the assumption that all States will adhere strictly to that policy;

Emphasize that the adoption of an international treaty that prevents an arms race in outer space and that prohibits the deployment or use of weapons in outer space is a priority for the international community;

Declare that they will not, by any means, in any way be the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space and that they will make all possible efforts to prevent outer space from becoming an arena for military confrontation and to ensure security in outer space activities. The Russian Federation and the Republic of Cuba appeal to States with the capability to carry out activities in outer space to follow their example.

Done at Havana on 11 July 2014.

For the Republic of Cuba
Bruno **Rodríguez Parrilla**

For the Russian Federation
Sergei V. **Lavrov**